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Create XML Web Services and Applications with Visual Studio .NET

Using Data Access in .NET Applications

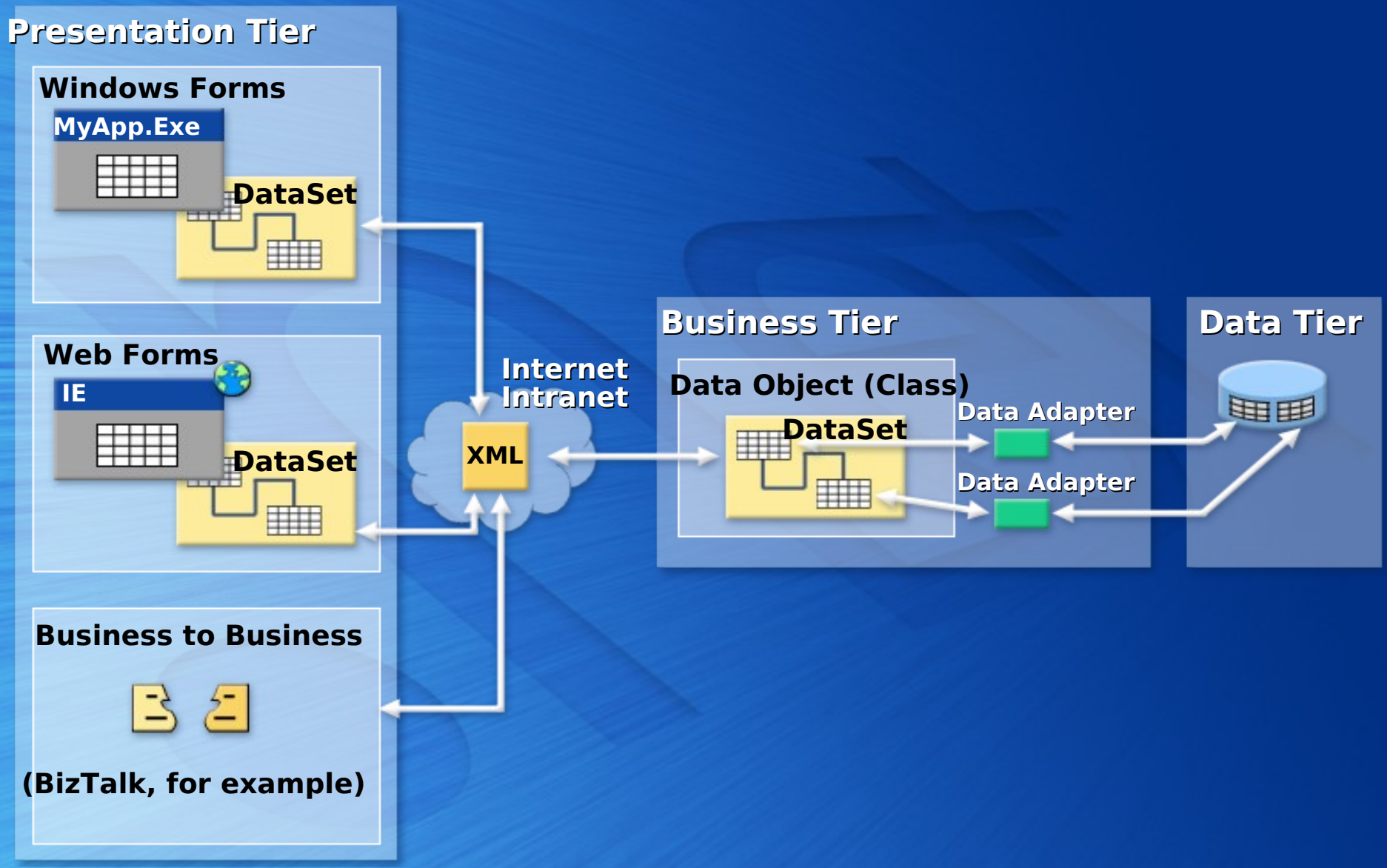
Module 06 Agenda

- Introduction
- ADO -> ADO .NET
- .NET Data Providers
- Command Object
- DataReader
- DataSet
- DataAdapter
- DataView
- Typed DataSets
- Connected vs. Disconnected Data

Introduction
ADO .NET

- Major upgrade to ADO
- Designed for connected and disconnected data
  - Features for integrating various types of data
  - XML in and out
- High-performance design
  - Optimized providers and Objects
- Visual Studio® .NET is designed to work with ADO .NET
  - Supports integration with objects
  - Supports wizards
- ADO .NET is closely integrated with .NET Framework
  - Exception handling, naming, notifications, etc.

Introduction
ADO .NET Architecture

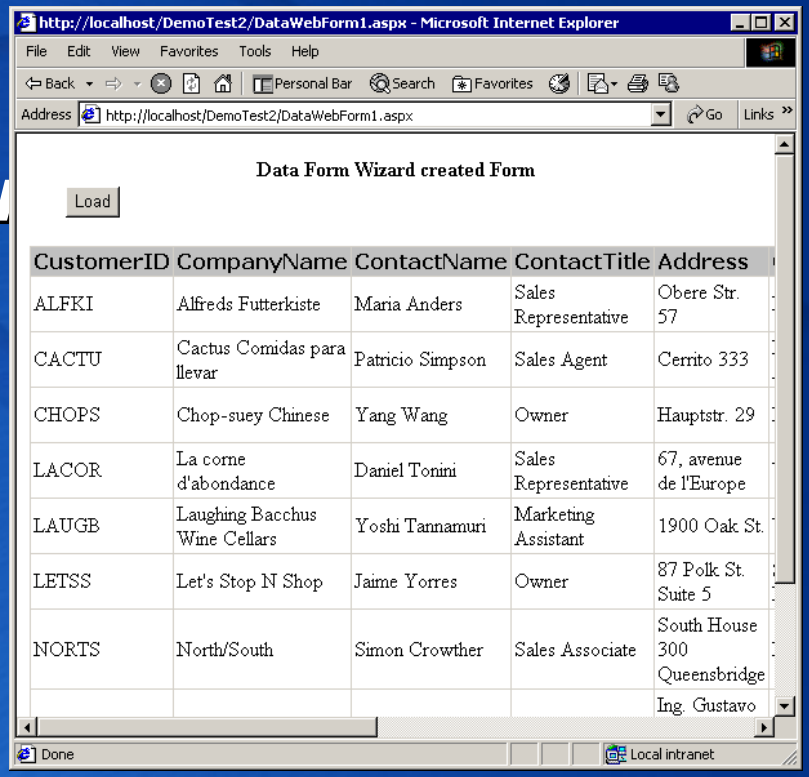


Introduction
ADO .NET Philosophy

- Data classes
  - Containers for data; know nothing about getting data from database
  - Key Object:
    - DataSet = Disconnected and in-memory cache
- Database classes
  - Used to read and write data from data sources
  - SQL Server™ and OLEDB Managed Providers
  - Key Objects:
    - Connection = Connect to data source
    - Command = Execute stored procedures
    - DataAdapter = Connects DataSet to database
    - DataReader = Forward/only, read/only (fire hose) cursor

Introduction
Ease of Use Demo

- Data Form Wizard
- Show how to use the Data Form Wizard to build new data driven form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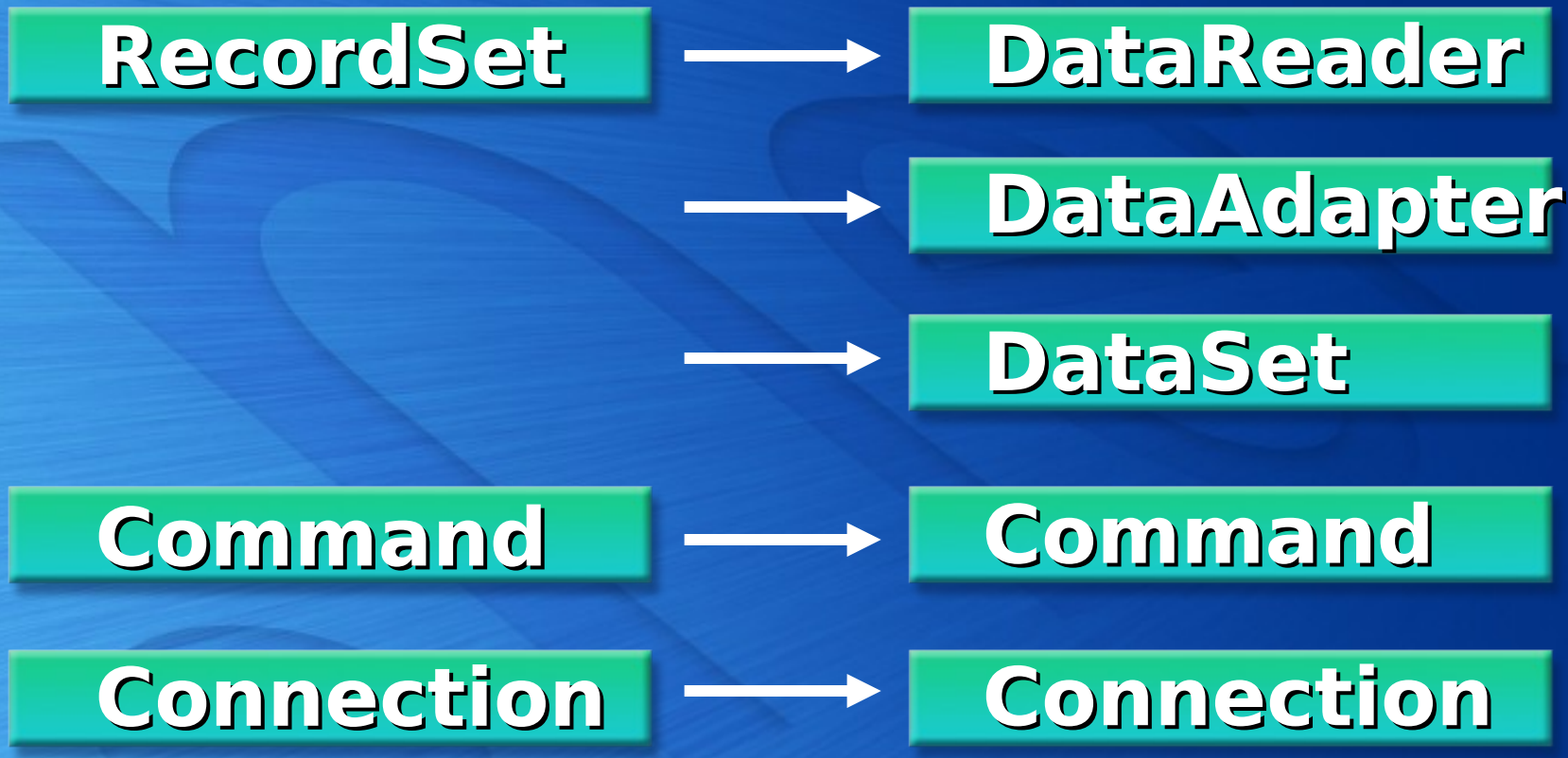
Introduction
ADO .NET Object Model

- **Design philosophy**
  - **DataReader**
    - **Forward-only and read-only RecordSets**
  - **DataSet**
    - **Disconnected and in-memory cache**
  - **DataAdapter**
    - **Connects a DataSet with a data source**

ADO → ADO .NET

ADO evolves into ADO .NET



.NET Managed Providers

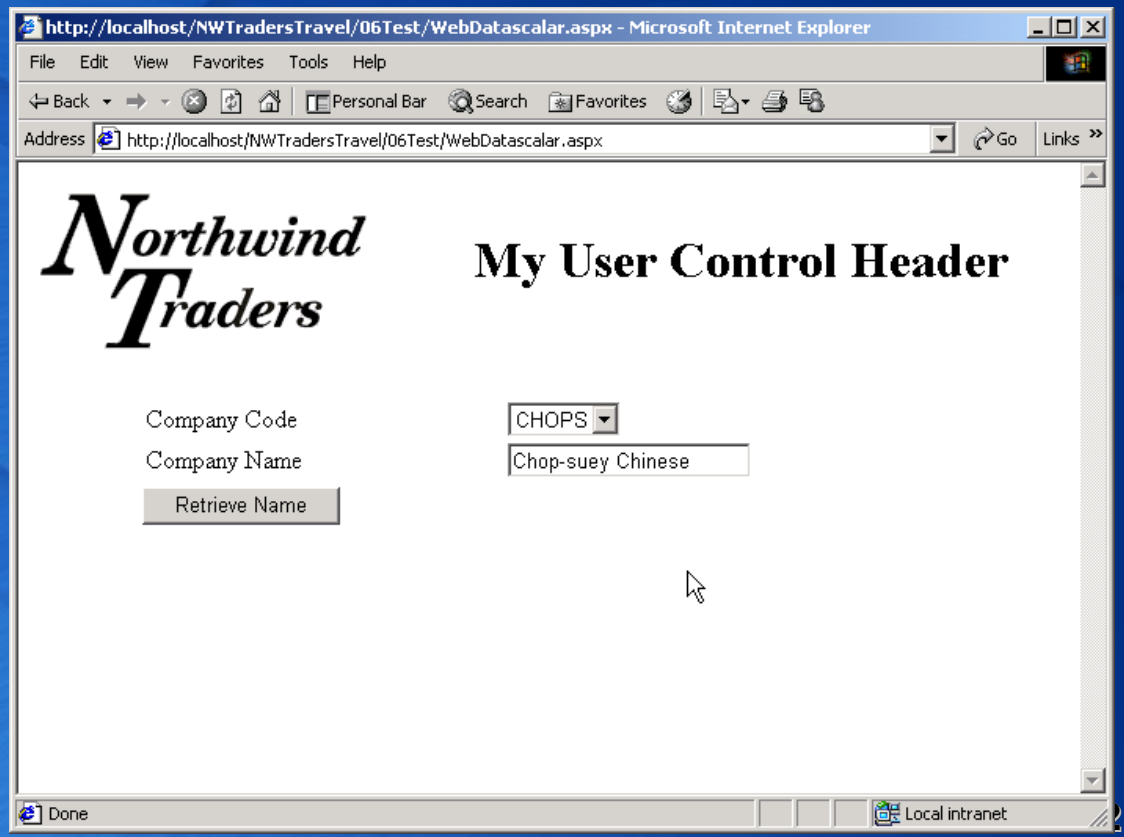
- **Manages interaction to a data source**
  - **Managed equivalent of OLEDB layer**
  - **Directly exposes consumer interfaces**
  - **Specific to (optimized for) data source**
  - **Two standard providers**
    - **System.Data.OLEDB – Any data source**
    - **System.Data.SQLClient – SQL Server**

Command Object

- SQL or OLEDB Command Object methods:
  - ExecuteReader - Executes and returns a DataReader
  - ExecuteNonQuery - Executes and returns nothing
  - ExecuteScalar - Executes and returns the first value

Command Object
Demo

- Command Object
  - Show how to use the OLEDBCommand object

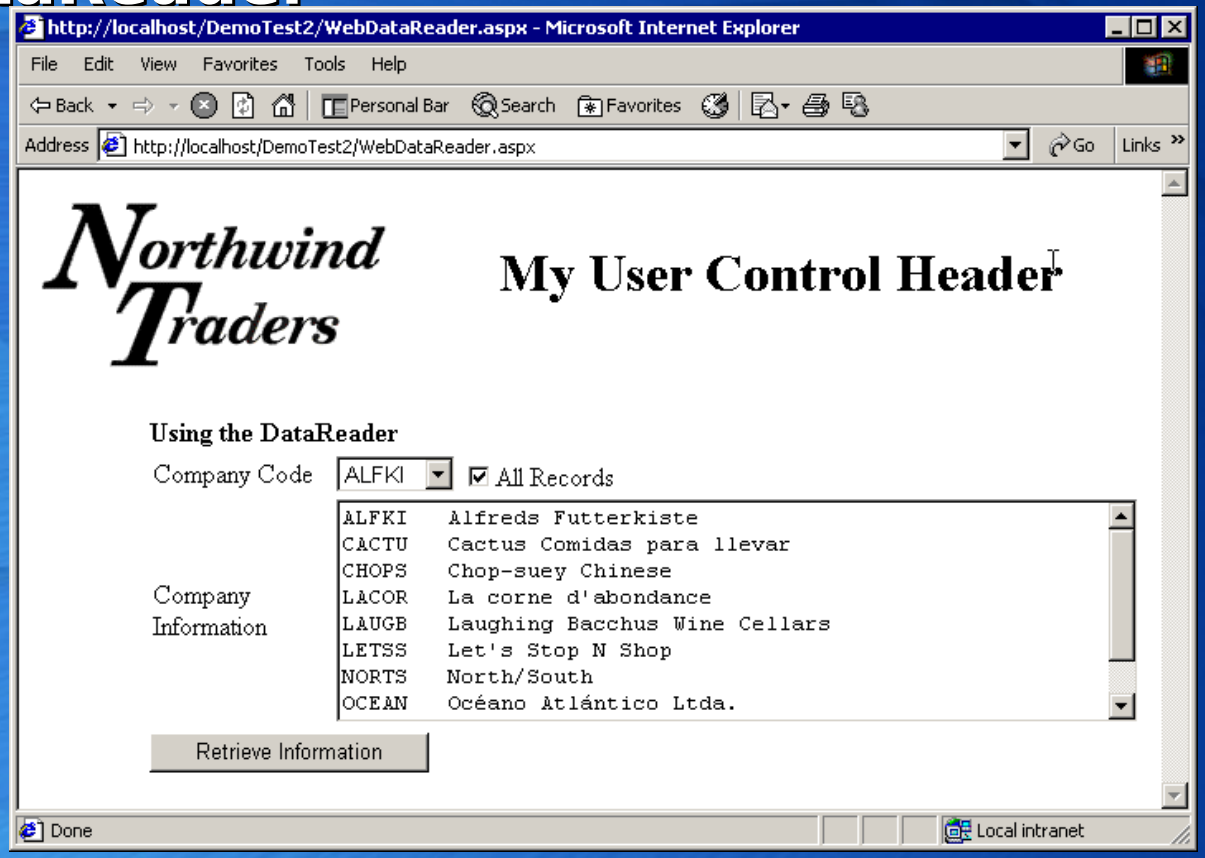


DataReader Object

- DataReader provides forward-only and read-only streams of data
  - Represents results of an executed query or command
- Equivalent to a FO/RO RecordSet
  - Doesn't support scrolling or updating
- Supports Databinding to Web controls

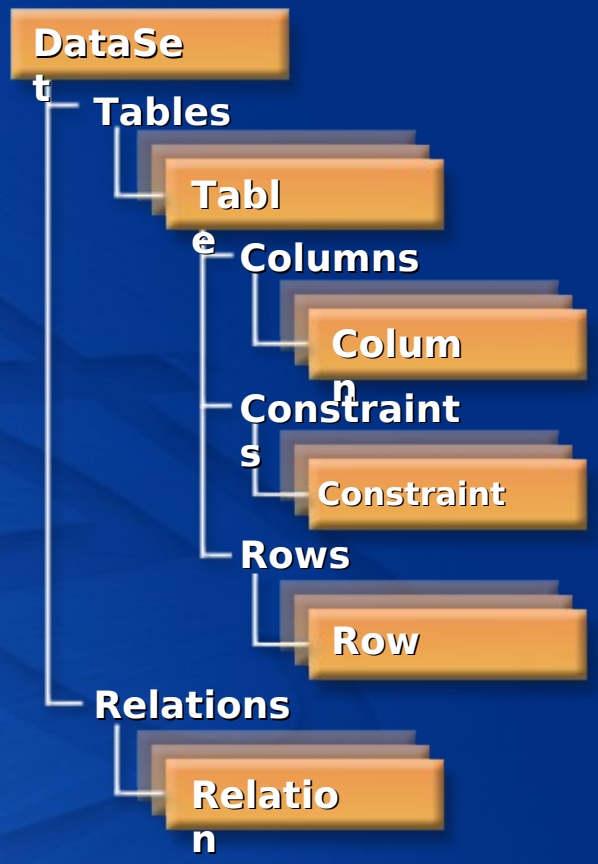
DataReader Object Demo

- Data Reader
  - Retrieves stream from database using DataReader



DataSet Object

- Closest equivalent of ADO RecordSet, but richer
- Relational views of data
  - Contains tables, columns, rows, constraints, views and relations
- Disconnected model
  - Has no knowledge of data source
  - Array-like indexing
  - Strong typing
  - Supports Databinding
  - Supports batch updates
  - Connects to data source via DataAdapter



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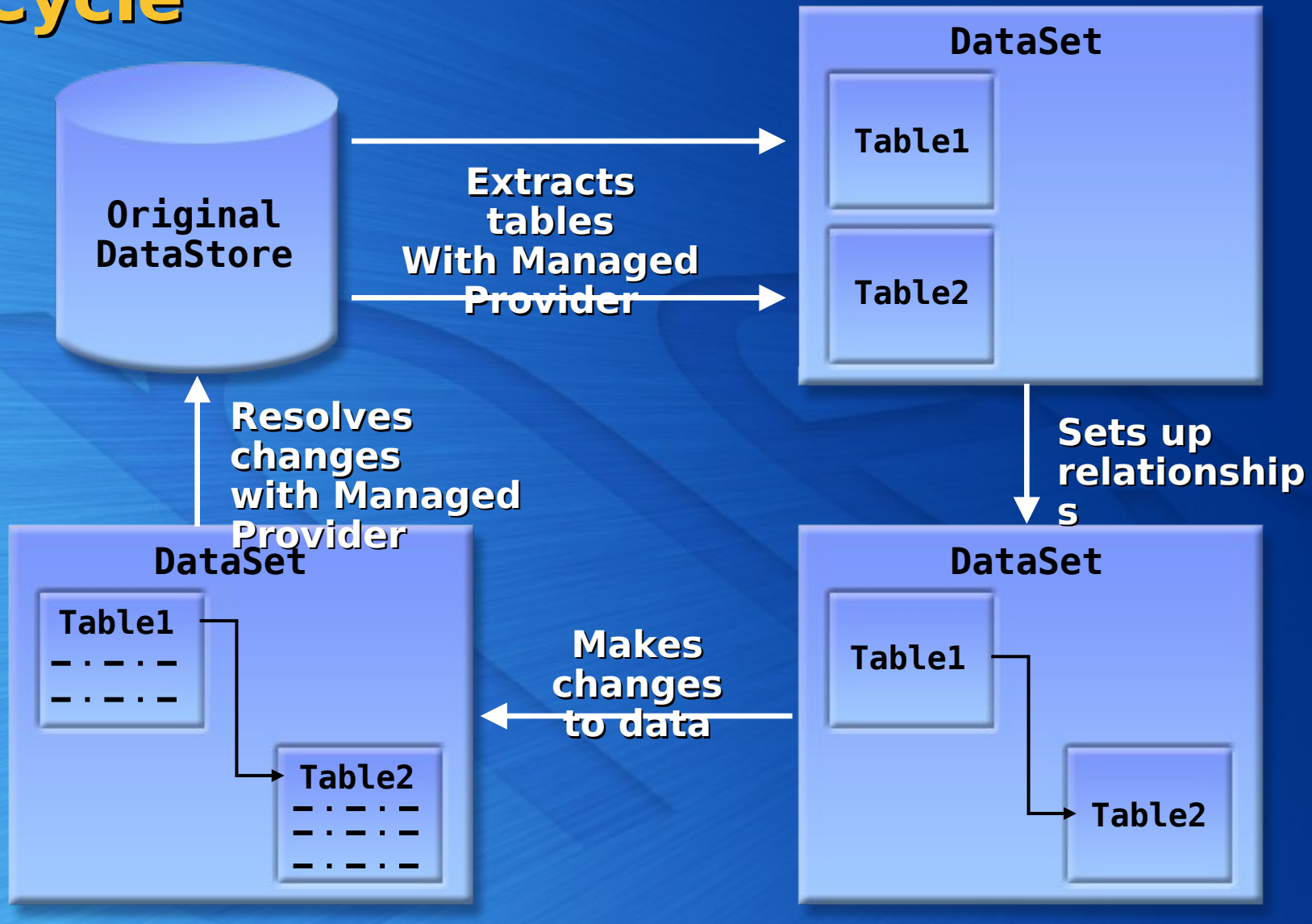

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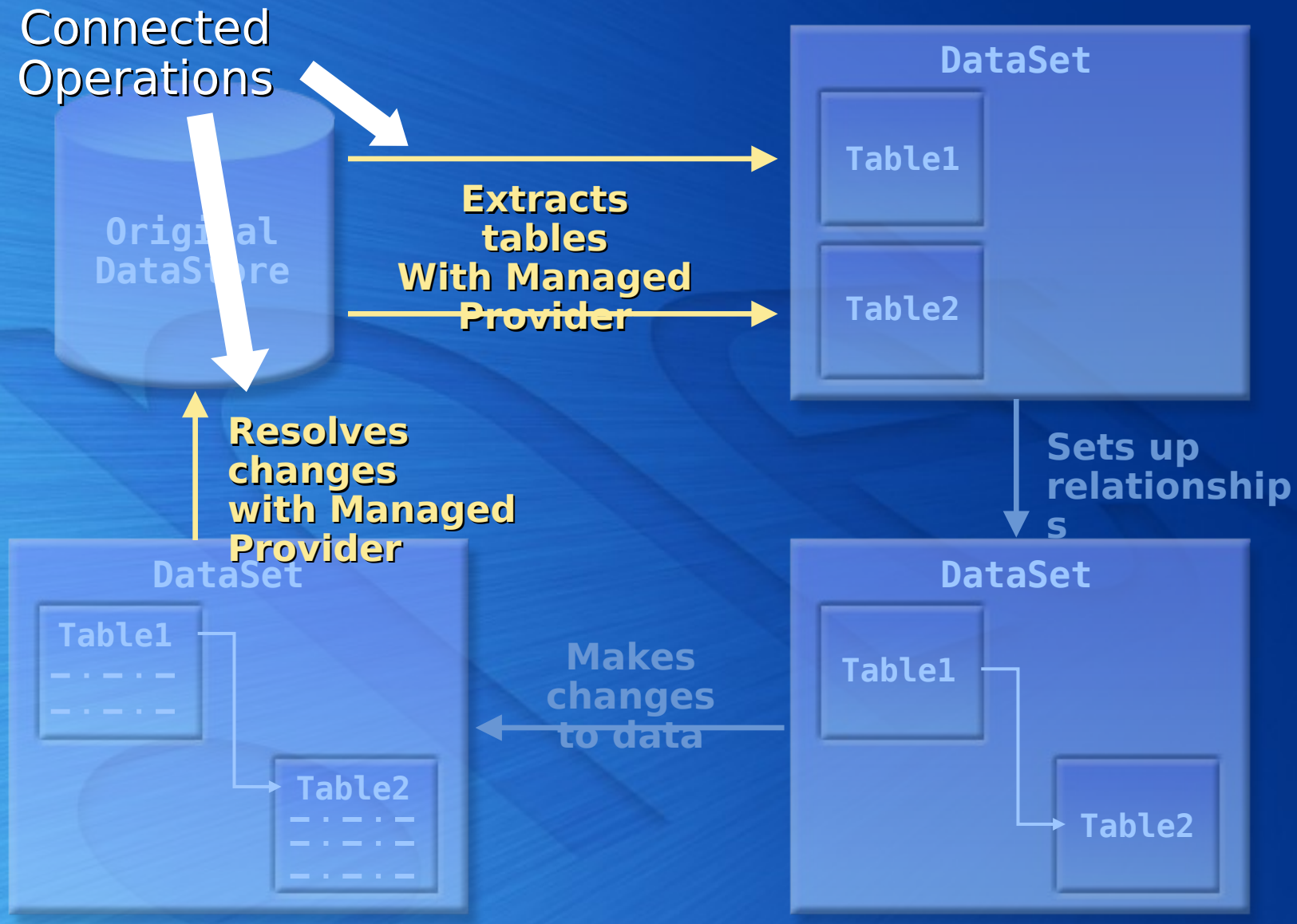

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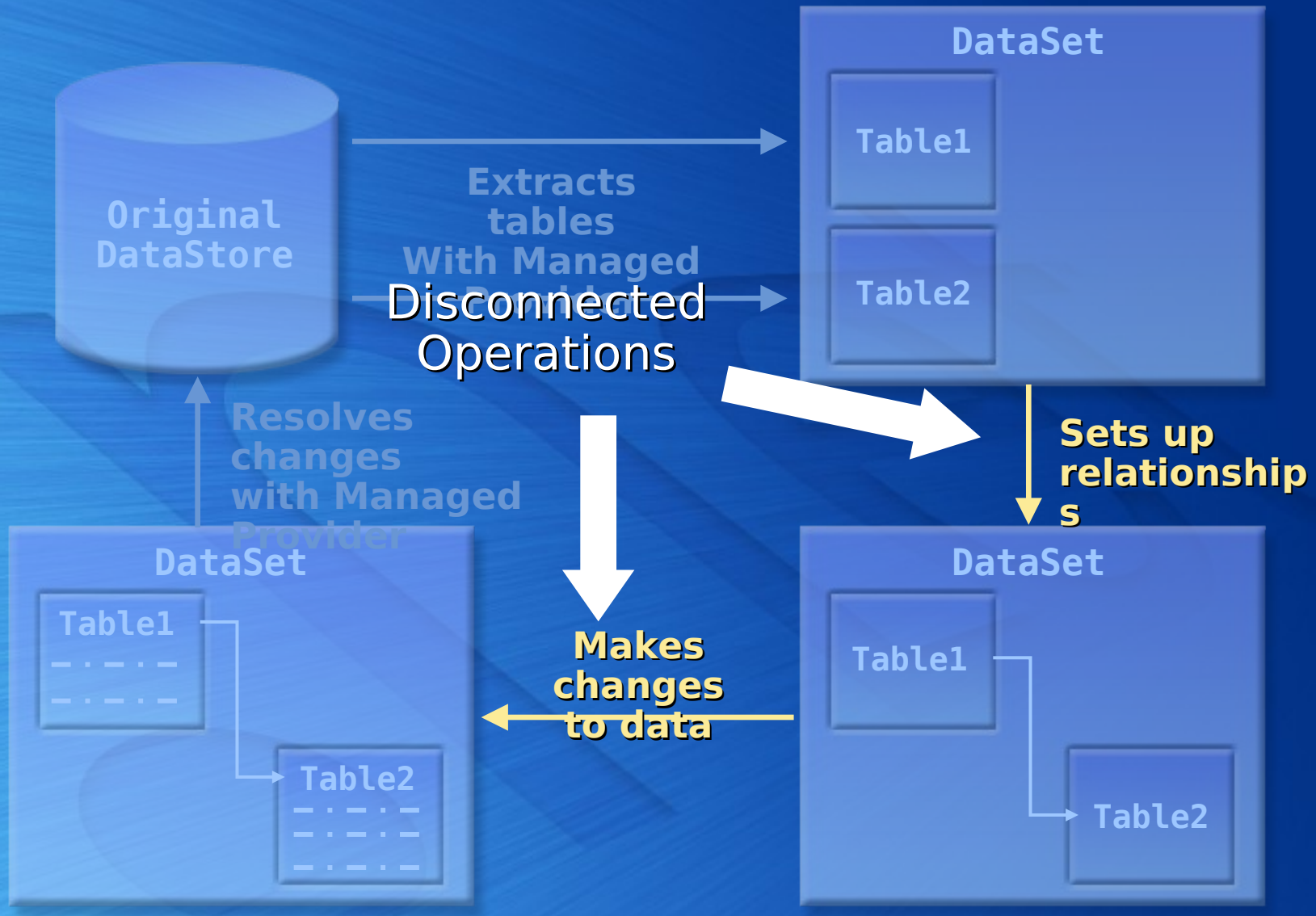
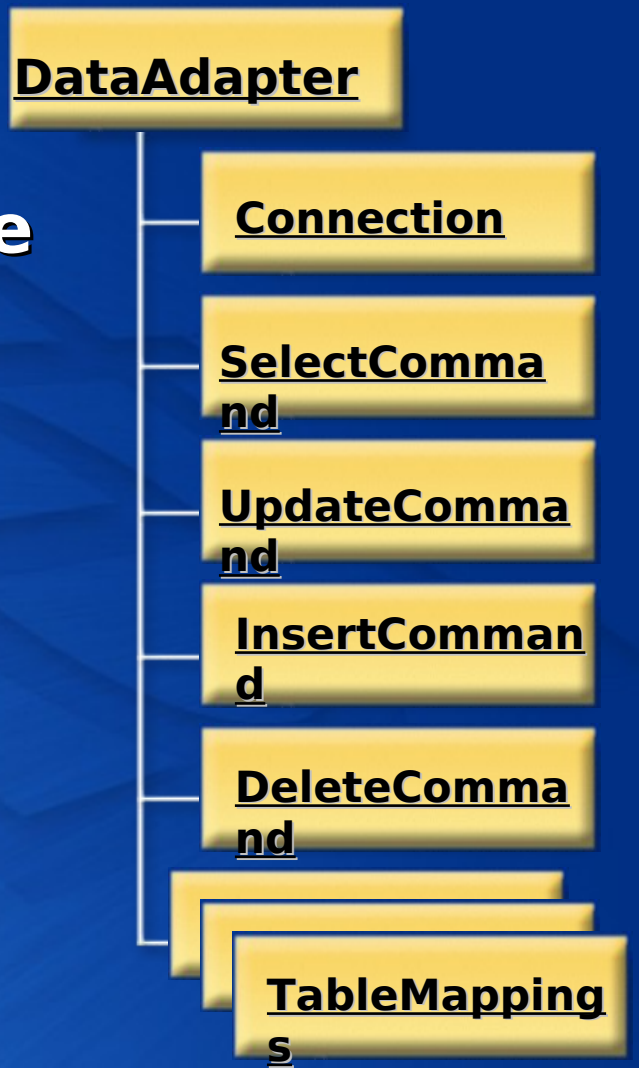


DataSet Demo

- Data Set
  - Using the DataSet to bind to the DataGrid

DataAdapter

- Knows how to load a table from a DataStore and write changes
  - Exposes two methods:
    - Fill (DataSet and Table)
    - Update (DataSet and Table)
  - Provides mappings between tables and columns
  - Users can provide explicit insert/update/delete commands
    - Such as, specify stored procedures
  - Allows single DataSet to be populated from multiple data sources



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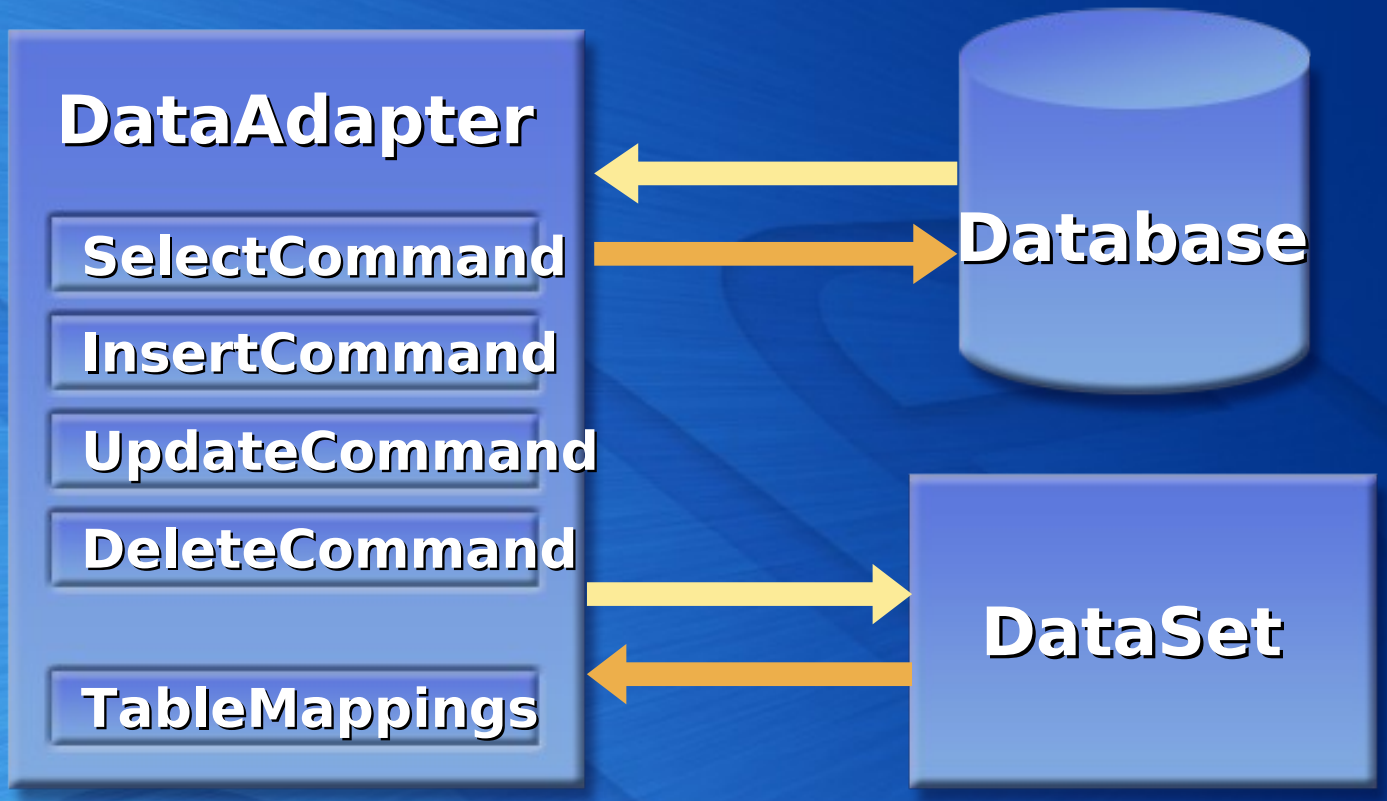
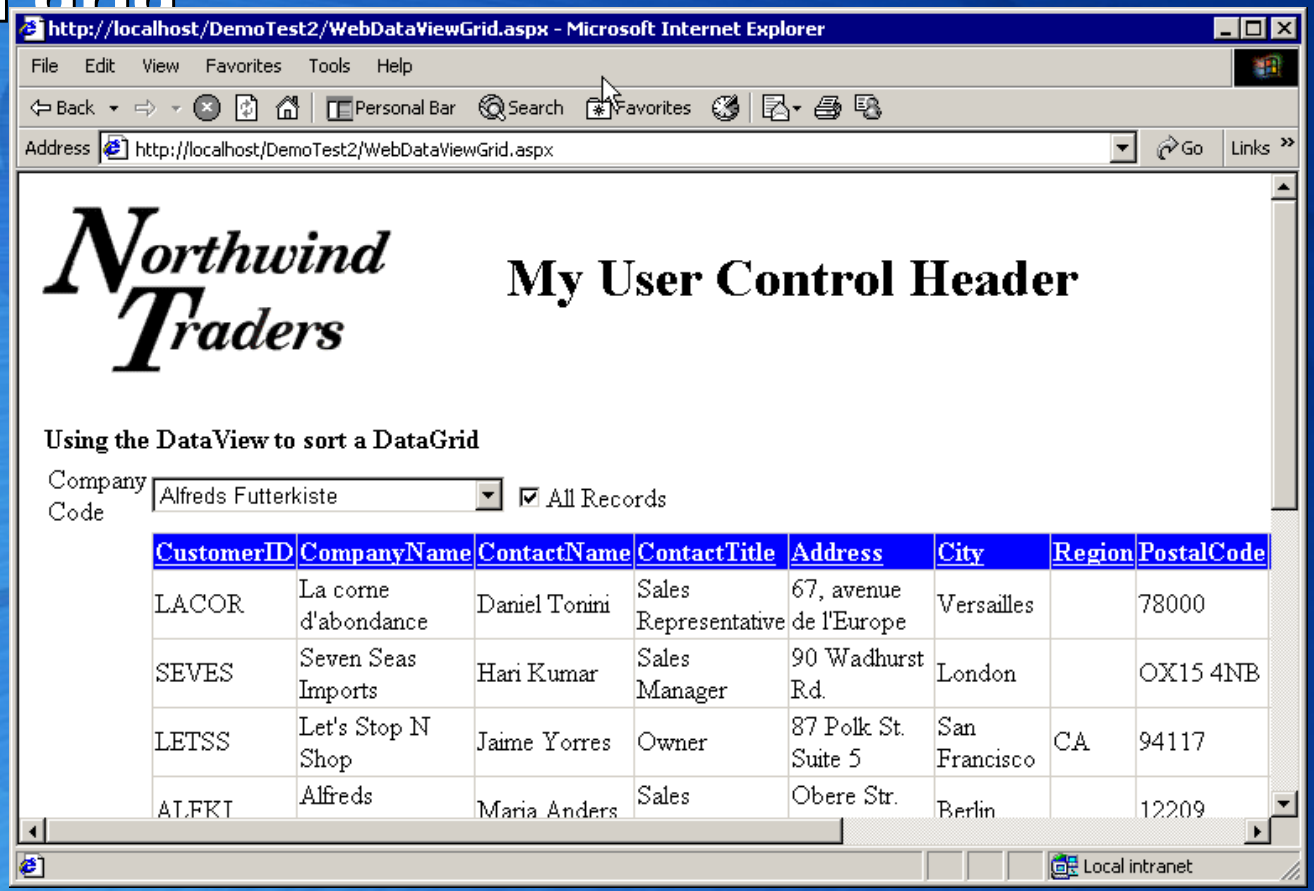


DataView

- Allows you to set a sort order and filter on a view of the Table
- A live view on a DataTable
  - Any number of DataViews can be created on a Table
    - Enables different views of the same Table
- Can be used for Databinding

DataView Demo

- Data View
  - Using the DataView to sort a grid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ADO .NET Typed DataSets

- Maps Table to DataSet properties
- Class automatically generated by the designer
- Inherits from DataSet
- Schema coded into the class
- Concise and readable code
- Compile time-type checking

ADO .NET Typed DataSets

Syntax like this (similar to ADO code):

```
Dim rowCustomer As System.Data.DataRow

For Each rowCustomer In MyDataSet.Tables("Customers").Rows
    Console.WriteLine(rowCustomer.Fields("CompanyName"))
Next
```

Can be changed to syntax like this:

```
Dim rowCustomer As System.Data.DataRow

For Each rowCustomer In MyDataSet.Customers.Rows
    Console.WriteLine(rowCustomer.CompanyName)
Next
```

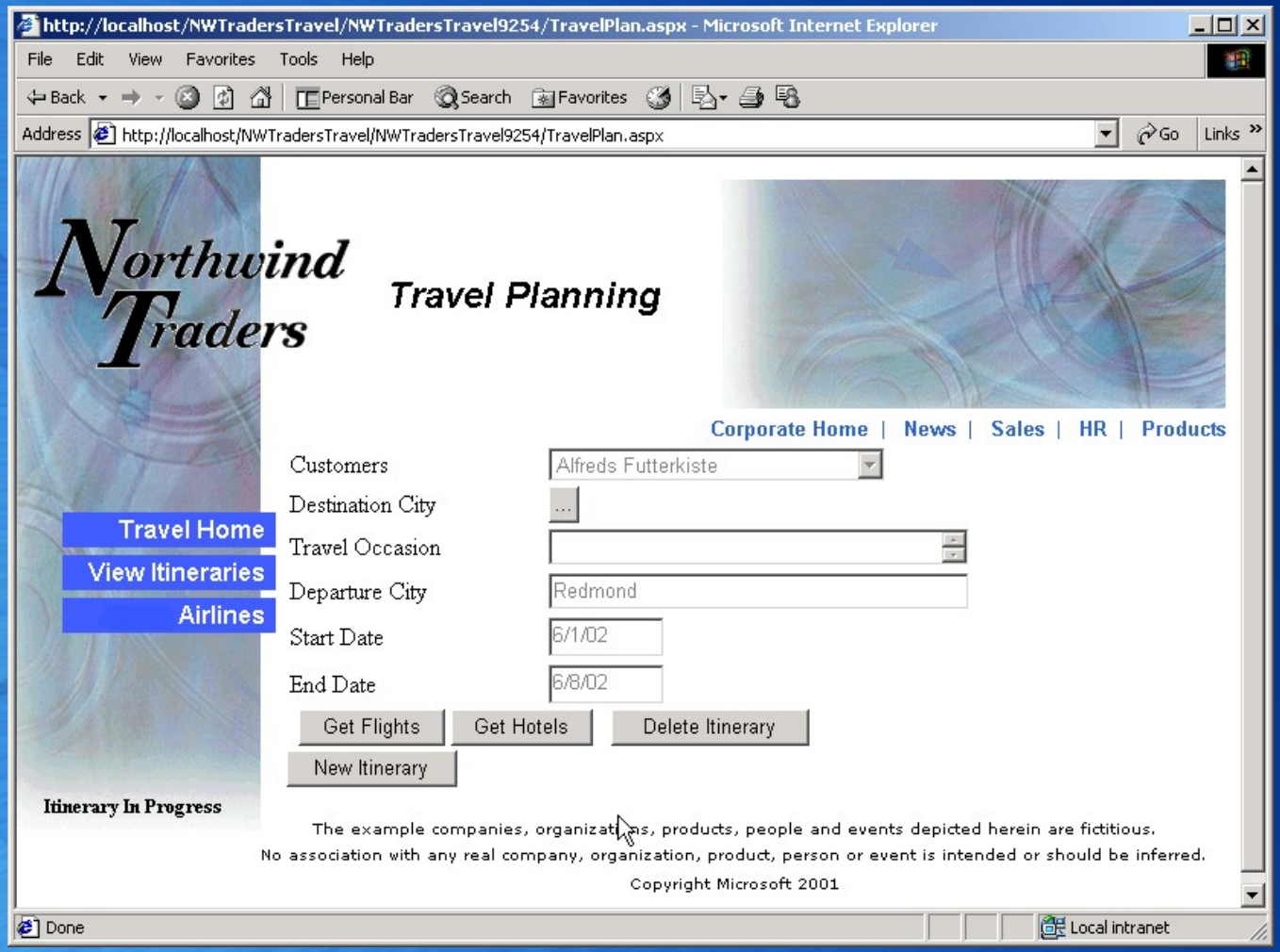
Advantages - Easier to read, misspellings caught at compile time rather than run time

Connected vs. Disconnected data
When to Use What

- **Connected Data Access**
  - Transactions are required
  - No user interaction with data is necessary
  - Processes large amounts of data
- **Disconnected Data Access**
  - Use DataSet when:
    - User interaction is required
    - If memory data is required
    - Distributed applications

Northwind Traders Travel Demo

- Travel and ADO .NET



Summary

- ADO .NET builds on ADO
- Predictable performance
- Flexible architecture

Advanced Topics
Data Access and XML

- XML is the underlying data format
  - Serialization to XML
- Accessing relational data as XML
- Accessing XML data as relational
- XML schemas and data access
- XML is the underlying data representation in .NET

Advanced Topics
Data Access and XML

- Relational and XML: The best of both worlds
  - Use ADO .NET for data access
  - Convert to XML document with proper structure and pass between tiers
- Use XSD to formally specify structure of data passed between tiers
  - Can't do that today when passing ADO Recordsets
- Easily expose your data to the world
  - As XML - Platform independent
  - Use XSD schema as the contract
  - Easily get data in desired structure: Load

Resources

- ***ADO .NET Page*** **- A good starting place**
  http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/nextgen/Technology/adoplus.asp
- ***ADO .NET Managed Providers*** **- Short description of ADO providers**
  http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/dotnet/cpguide/cpconadonetmanagedproviders.htm
- ***ASP Data access*** **-**

  http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/dotnet/cpguide/cpconaspdataaccess.htm

Resources

- ***Data Grid Server Control* - A page of links that refer to how to best utilize data grid controls in ASP.NET applications**
  http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/dotnet/cpguide/cpcondatagridaspnetservercontrol.htm
- **A *Comparison of ADO and ADO.NET* - Article comparing ADO and ADO .NET**
  http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/dotnet/cpguide/cpconcomparisonbetweenadoado.htm

In-Depth Training On .NET Data Access

Direct from Microsoft

- 1913A: Exchanging and Transforming Data Using XML and XSLT
  - Note: Uses Visual Studio 6.0
- 2389A: Developing Applications Using ADO.NET
  - Available November 2001

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